

pansion of the fleet, improvement of maintenance by construction of new depots and improving work procedures and a programme for redesigning the routing system is under implementation.

(c) It is hoped that entire union territory will be covered by DTC buses in a phased manner as and when more new buses are received.

**Blue print for new steel development policy**

451. SHRI B. P. NAG ARA JA MUR-  
THY: SHRI B.  
RACHAIAH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any blue print for a new steel development policy for the growth of sponge iron based mini steel plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**China's stand in U.N. on India-Sikkim ties**

452. SHRI B. P. NAGARAJA MUR-  
THY;  
SHRI B. RACHAIAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt was made by China in the U. N. General Assembly to raise the question of the India-Sikkim ties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) and  
(b) In his statement during the gene-

ral debate in the current General Assembly session the Chinese delegate made the following reference:

"In June the Indian Government imposed on the people of Sikkim the so-called 'Government of Sikkim Bill', which it had concocted single-handedly. And, more recently, the Indian Parliament adopted a constitutional amendment, making Sikkim a so-called 'associate state' of India. To put it bluntly, this is the annexation of Sikkim. It is another naked act of expansionism perpetrated by the Indian Government after dismembering Pakistan by armed force.

The Indian Government's annexation of Sikkim has aroused the opposition of the Sikkimese people as well as the Indian people and met with condemnation by India's neighbours and world public opinion. The Soviet propaganda organs alone, sing praises of India. This shows that Soviet revisionist social-imperialism is the boss behind the scenes of Indian expansionism."

No further statements have been made in the U.N. by the Chinese delegates on the subject till date.

**Pak troop movement in the border areas**

453. SHRI B. P. NAGARAJA  
MURTHY:

SHRI B. RACHAIAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan troops have set up some new posts and constructed bunkers on the Pakistani side of the line of control in the Poonch sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SW ARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.